

**REGULAR SESSION   RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS   JUNE 20, 2011**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, June 20, 2011 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2011 meeting as presented. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

Mary Ann Bridges, Assessor, thanked the commissioners for their support of Relay for Life with the lighting of the courthouse clock tower. Bridges offered placing on display in her office a “Memory Box” that is created for individuals who have lost their life to cancer.

Discussion was held as to a finding a public location other than the Assessor’s office. Ken Masters commented that in principal he did agree with the authorization of the placement of the “Memory Box” in a location with more public access.

**AREA PLAN**

Bill Todd, Area Plan Director, reported that Coors Engineering will be beginning the surveys for the flood study. Todd wanted to get the word out to the public that individuals from Coors Engineering will be walking in Rushville city resident’s yards.

**SURVEYOR**

Marvin Rees, Surveyor, had nothing to report.

**RECORDER**

Sally Niedenthal, Recorder, discussed the new computer system with CSI (Computer System Inc.) with the commissioners. Leigh Morning informed Niedenthal that she was waiting on a revised contract to address her concerns. Kevin Cok of CSI was available to address Morning’s concerns.

Niedenthal informed the commissioners that the current system provides poor support and that the contract runs out in 2013. Niedenthal finished by stating that she did not want to continue to pay for something that the office will not be using.

Tom Barnes requested to be able to review the new proposed contract at least a week prior to the commissioner meeting.

**SHERIFF**

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-three (43) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County jail. Sherwood reported that merit deputy Randy Chandlers last day will be June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Ken Masters made the motion to renew Code Red services in July and to continue with Jeff Sherwood as the E-911 Director. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sherwood reported that during the 911 Indigital switch with Verizon the county will receive \$11,492.42 that will be placed in the E-911 wireless account. Sherwood also reported that a claim has been turned in for approximately \$51,000.00 of which the county will receive a percentage. Sherwood noted that the claim turn around is approximately sixty (60) days.

Sherwood reported that Russell Silver of Hancock County has asked to utilize the Rush County firing range. Silver will sign a liability waiver and coordinate their schedule thru the sheriff.

Sherwood submitted jail year end report that is required to provide to both Judge Northam, Judge Hill and the Commissioners.

Sherwood informed the commissioners that the jail inspection report has not been received by the jail.

Sherwood finished by stating that the sheriff department will have a presence throughout the county fair.

### **BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE**

Michael Kuhn who has been the Boston Mutual Life Insurance representative appeared before the commissioners. Kuhn discussed that he has worked with Rush County since 1998. Kuhn discussed Hauser & Associates Insurance Services and Boston Mutual General Agency.

Kuhn who is now with GLG America Inc asked the commissioners to continue to service Rush County in respect to Boston Mutual Insurance. Ken Masters made the motion to name Michael Kuhn as Agent of Record, Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **SOLID WASTE**

Carole Yeend, Rush County Solid Waste Director and on behalf on the Rush County Solid Waste Board of Directors, appeared before the commissioners. Yeend requested a transfer of ownership of tax sale certificate of parcel #70-07-31-384-001.000-011 formerly known as the White Felt property. The property is located on 810 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Rushville. The tax sale certificate would be transferred to the Rush County Solid Waste Management District. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2011-3 transferring a tax sale certificate. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION 2011-3

### A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, the Rush County Commissioners held a tax certificate sale from March 25, 2011 to April 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the tax certificate for the property located at 810 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Rush County, Indiana, Parcel No. 70-07-31-384-001.000-011 was not purchased at the tax certificate sale; and

WHEREAS, the Rush County Solid Waste Management District has requested that the tax sale certificate be transferred to it; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of Rush County, Indiana, find it to be the best and most suitable use of the property at this time to transfer the above-mentioned parcel of property to the Rush County Solid Waste Management District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Rush that the tax sale certificate for the property located at 810 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Rush County, Indiana, Parcel No. 70-07-31-384-001.000-011 is hereby transferred to the Rush County Solid Waste Management District.

Resolved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

/s/ Thomas H. Barnes  
Thomas H. Barnes

/s/ Marvin L. Cole  
Marvin L. Cole

/s/ Ken Masters  
Ken Masters

Attest: /s/ Deborah C. Adams  
Deborah C. Adams,  
Rush County Auditor

### **HIGHWAY**

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, had nothing to report.

### **EMA**

Mike Ooley, EMA Director, reported that the Rush County EMA mobile command unit was present during the Rush County Fair.

Ooley reported that they are currently rebanding the mobile units.

Ooley mentioned the upcoming advisory committee meeting.

Ooley submitted his letter of resignation as Emergency Management Director effective August 19, 2011. Ken Masters regretfully moved to accept the letter of resignation. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Leigh Morning advised that the advisory committee meeting will need to set a deadline date for submission of applications. The auditor will need to advertise the notice.

### **FLOOD GATES**

Joyce Morrell questioned the commissioners if they had actually voted “NO” on the flood gates. Tom Barnes responded that the committee is currently waiting on the insurance company for liability coverage. Morrell asked Barnes who the committee members are. Barnes responded that the Flood Gate Committee members consist of the Sheriff (Jeff Sherwood), EMA Director (Mike Ooley), Surveyor (Marvin Rees), Commissioner President (Tom Barnes) Highway (Jerry Sitton) and County Attorney (Leigh Morning).

Barnes did ask Morrell for their suggestions. Morrell suggested signs, a sturdy gauge for measuring the water height and to let the people make their decisions.

Paul Morrell did share his thoughts that one is a slippery slope when there is a loss of liberty. Morrell asked if the committee meeting would be an open forum. Barnes responded that it could be opened to others. Barnes explained that the flood gate committee is waiting on the insurance company but they will attempt to set a date at the next commissioners meeting.

### **ANNUAL APPOINTMENT**

- RUSH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD – John Byrne – re-appointed on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried. Two year term 2011 thru 2012.

### **AUDITOR**

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval on payroll for the pay period ending June 24, 2011 on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Bi-weekly claims submitted for the period ending June 14, 2011 were approved on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Adams reported that a notice for hearing of the Samuel Cohee Open Drain had been received from the Surveyor. Adams noted that she had previously shared copies of the notice with the commissioners. The hearing is scheduled for July 18, 2011.

Adams provided copies of Shares, Inc. letter of budget request with the commissioners. Shares have increased their budget request from \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00. It was noted that the budgets were all reduced this past year by budget reductions and Shares, Inc. was reduced to \$15,000.00

Adams reported that she has received the SBOA (State Board of Accounts) audit report. Adams noted that she has forwarded this to the commissioners and council members. Adams reported that she will also have the report posted on the county website. Tom Barnes responded that the audit closing was the best he has sat in on as a commissioner. Adams did report that she has forwarded the financial statement to Surveyor Marvin Rees so that he may submit to his lending institution for the drain loans.

Adams submitted the Rush County Senior Citizen Services financial Statement for the commissioners to review.

Adams reported that she has in previous years provided employees with a benefit letter outlining the basic changes of their health insurance package. Adams noted that during her meeting on June 17, 2011 with Toni Stension of APEX she offered to put together a memo to be attached to the paychecks. Ken Masters made the motion to allow the memo to be attached to the paychecks. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report for the period ending May 31, 2011 was reviewed

### **EMS**

EMS run reports were reviewed for:

- Anderson Vol. Fire Dept
- Carthage Fire Dept
- Rush Memorial Ambulance Service

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/Tom Barnes

Tom Barnes, Chairman

/s/Marvin Cole

Marvin Cole

/s/Ken Masters

Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams

Deborah C. Adams, Auditor

